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The relevance of those listed references which are not in the English language is as follows:

German patent 1,491,161 appears to be related to U.S. patent No. 3,422,496 (Wolf), already of record. As such, it discloses a method of making a tampon from a cylindrical blank by pressing jaws into the surface of the blank to compress same.

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